



ECTA Responsible Care 2030 Charter

The principles of Responsible Care as defined for global use by the Chemical Industry in general, and more specifically by Cefic for Europe as referred to in the Cefic-ECTA Responsible Care Agreement, form the basis of ECTA's Responsible Care Program. Since the implementation of Responsible Care by ECTA in 2009 the basic principles still apply but the world around us continues to change and evolve. For that reason, ECTA's Board of Directors has decided that specific areas of attention in the program need to be redefined or to be made more specific. This amended program is called "ECTA Responsible Care 2030".

The key focus areas for expanded definition are:

The limitation of waste.

In addition to the focus on prevention of plastic pellet loss illustrated through our support for Operation Clean Sweep, we realise the importance of the circular economy and encourage the use of alternative fuels derived from waste streams and encourage the use of recycled materials.

The limitation of emissions.

ECTA will continue to align with the targets set within the EU through the Green Deal and Fit for 55 programmes. We support and encourage standardised emission reporting in line with ISO14083 and the GLEC Framework and believe in a far sighted road map for emission reduction which includes; facilitating the switch from road to intermodal journeys, new engine and fuel technologies and the supporting infrastructure required to promote widespread adoption of these technologies.

Over the coming years, many of our members will need to meet the requirements of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS). ECTA will strive to support and inform the members of their duties under these new directives.

The limitation of injury incidents.

In order to continue to drive incident rates down, ECTA will seek closer collaboration with Cefic to influence the loading and unloading plants to keep driver and operator safety at the forefront of their operations. In addition, we continue to encourage our members and their supply chain partners to promote behavioural based safety initiatives.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.

As a new focus area under Responsible Care, ECTA will create awareness and include commitments to Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in support of UN social development goals. More specifically, ECTA will support a "Women in Logistics" initiative to strive to create an environment and culture in chemical logistics that recognises the value of gender equality.

We, the European Chemical Transport Association, invite all of our stakeholders to join us in our efforts to work towards improvements and ensure that the environmental, social and economic values of ECTA's Responsible Care 2030 program are of significance in helping to achieve the challenging sustainability targets that have been set.